

Holme Valley Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on **MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2020**,
zoom platform, at 20:45 PM

Present; Cllr Rachel Hogley, Chairman

Cllrs G Barker, K Bellamy, T Bellamy, M Blacka, J Brook, D Carré, P Colling, J Dalton, P Dixon, T Dixon, S East, B Feeney, D Gould, D Hall, B Lockley, M Pogson (Vice Chairman), J Roberts, J Sweeney

Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

2021 106 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

The zoom meeting was recorded on the clerk's computer and will be published on You Tube.

2021 107 **To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received form Cllrs P Davies, C Greaves, D Firth and S Sheard.

2021 108 **To receive Members interests in items on the agenda and to consider any written requests for new DPI dispensations**

No interests were declared, or dispensations requested.

2021 109 **No interests declared by the officers.**

2021 110 **To consider whether any items on the agenda should be discussed in private**

Resolved: that no items would be heard in private session.

2021 111 **To confirm the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting**

Held on 21 September 2020 numbered 2021 80 to 2021 105 inclusive.

Resolved: With two amendments regarding accuracy, the minutes were accepted as a true record. Cllr Dalton had requested that the meeting be closed after two hours at 9.03 pm. Cllr T Bellamy should have been listed as a member of the Climate Emergency Committee.

2021 112 **To Consider the decision notice published by the Monitoring Officer of The Kirklees Council regarding a breach of the Code of Conduct by one of the councillors.**

1)Cllr Dalton said that he was not offering an apology to the complainants or the Parish Council as he believed that the Code of Conduct had been mis-interpreted by the Monitoring Officer. He believed that what he says or 'tweets' as a private individual is his business and not the Council's business.

Cllr Hogley moved that despite Cllr Dalton's refusal to apologise the Council should write to him and formally request an apology .

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Resolved ; by a majority vote to support this motion.

2) Cllr Dalton said he would not be deleting the tweets that had been complained about by members of the public. He will express himself as he sees fit .

At this point Cllr Dalton requested that the votes be recorded.

Cllr Hogley moved that the Council Formally request that the offending tweets be removed. Seconded by Cllr Blacka.

Resolved; the Council would request that Cllr Dalton removes all offending tweets.

In Favour ; Cllr Colling, Cllr Hogley , Cllr T Dixon, Cllr M Pogson, Cllr D Hall, Cllr G Barker, Cllr J Sweeney, Cllr S East, Cllr B Lockley, Cllr B Feeney

Against : Cllr J Brook

Abstentions: Cllr P Dixon, Cllr J Roberts, Cllr D Gould, Cllr K Bellamy, Cllr T Bellamy.

3) Cllr Hogley moved that Cllr Dalton be requested to remove the word ‘Councillor’ from his twitter handle and ‘biog’. Seconded by Cllr T Dixon

Resolved; That this motion be carried.

In Favour; Cllr T Dixon, Cllr R Hogley, Cllr Pat Colling , Cllr M Pogson, Cllr D Hall, Cllr D Carré, Cllr B Feeney, Cllr S East, Cllr J Sweeney ,Cllr M Blacka

Against : none

Abstentions; Cllr P Dixon, Cllr D Gould, Cllr J Roberts, Cllr J Brook, Cllr K Bellamy, Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr B Lockley.

4) Cllr Hogley moved that Cllr Dalton should be required by the Council to Attend diversity training. Seconded by Cllr D Carre.

Resolved; that Cllr J Dalton will be required by the Council to attend diversity training,

In Favour ; Cllr T Dixon, Cllr R Hogley, Cllr P Colling , Cllr M Blacka, Cllr M Pogson, Cllr B Feeney, Cllr G Barker, Cllr D Hall, Cllr D Carré, Cllr S East, Cllr J Sweeney, Cllr B Lockley

Against: Cllr P Dixon, Cllr J Brook

Abstentions: Cllr D Gould, Cllr J Roberts, Cllr K Bellamy, Cllr T Bellamy.

5) Cllr Hogley proposed that the Council formally censure Cllr Dalton and extend the suspension from Council Sub Committees and representation of the Council from May 2021 to May 2022. Seconded by Cllr T Dixon

Resolved that this motion was carried.

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In Favour : Cllr P Colling, Cllr R Hogley, Cllr D Carré, Cllr D Hall, Cllr T Dixon Cllr G Barker, Cllr S East, Cllr M Pogson, Cllr M Blacka, Cllr B Lockley , Cllr B Feeney

Against : Cllr J Roberts, Cllr P Dixon.

Abstentions: Cllr D Gould, Cllr J Brook, Cllr K Bellamy, Cllr T Bellamy.

Cllr Hogley moved that the Council issue a press statement distancing itself from the actions and beliefs of Cllr Dalton .

There was discussion about whether Cllr Dalton could be encouraged to take part in Council meetings, but this was not supported, and several Councillors said that until apologies were made this could not happen.

Resolved; That the council will issue a press statement.

In Favour ; Cllr D Hall, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr G Barber, Cllr S East, Cllr M Pogson, Cllr M Blacka, Cllr B Lockley, Cllr B Feeney, Cllr P Colling, Cllr R Hogley, Cllr D Carré, Cllr D Gould

Against: Cllr J Roberts, Cllr P Dixon

Abstentions: Cllr K Bellamy, Cllr T Bellamy, Cllr D Gould, Cllr J Brook.

Meeting concluded at 9.30 PM.

Signed
Chairman